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Deputies' Meeting

Thursday, 22 January 1973

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, []

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Mr. Dulles reported a conversation he had with Governor Sherman Adams concerning personnel problems of his staff.

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Mr. Wisner:

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b. Raised the question of a briefing [] for Mr. Stassen and suggested that if a briefing were desirable it be done by []. The Director stated that (1) he preferred that briefings for officials of the new administration initially be given by Headquarters personnel; (2) therefore, [] should not offer a briefing, however, one officer [] should be prepared if called upon; (3) since the Director, MSA, is travelling with the Secretary of State, if a briefing is requested it should be presented to both of them at the same time. Mr. Dulles noted his serious doubt as to whether Mr. John Foster Dulles or Mr. Stassen would have time for a briefing in view of their very tight schedule.

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c. Reported that a cable had been received [] regarding his [] position vis a vis []. The Director stated [] should be advised to continue as heretofore. Mr. Wisner undertook to draft an appropriate reply to [] clearing it with D/DCI prior to dispatch.

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